

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

ORDER EXTENDING CJA  
FIRST RESPONSE SUBPANEL

ADM. 04-02

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On the recommendation of the Federal Court Advisory Committee and the CJA Panel Selection Committee, the court hereby extends the First Response Subpanel Pilot Project effective February 1, 2004. The details are outlined in the attached document entitled *Implementation of "First Response" Subpanel*.

After one year, the efficacy of the Subpanel will again be evaluated by the court and the Panel Selection Committee. However, if at any time during the year it is apparent the procedure is too cumbersome, the court will have the ability to opt out.

SO ORDERED.

January 22, 2004

/s/ Paul Barbadoro  
Paul Barbadoro  
Chief Judge

Attachment

cc: All judges  
CJA Panel Members

United States District Court  
District of New Hampshire

**IMPLEMENTATION OF "FIRST RESPONSE" SUBPANEL  
FEBRUARY 1, 2003**

1. Complex subpanel attorneys will be able to sign up as members of the First Response subpanel.
2. A member of the First Response subpanel agrees to:
  - accept appointment for initial appearances only
  - submit a claim for services within 45 days
  - process voucher immediately pursuant to First Circuit Standing Order authorizing interim payments
3. A member of the Complex or Major Crimes subpanels, who is willing to take the appointment but is not able to be present at the initial appearance when scheduled because of other commitments or travel time to Concord, would request that the clerk's office contact a member of the First Response subpanel for coverage. When requesting that a First Response subpanel member handle the initial appearance, the requesting attorney:
  - agrees to contact the defendant within 48 hours of the appointment
  - agrees to be available, if necessary, for a detention hearing within 5 days
  - knows that any claim made by the First Response attorney will be included in the maximum amount available for that case.
4. The clerk's office, when a First Response attorney is requested, will:
  - contact, on a rotating basis, no more than 3 members of the First Response subpanel to find one who is available to handle the initial appearance
  - if no First Response attorney is available, continue calling, in the usual rotation, attorneys on the Complex or Major Crimes subpanel, as appropriate, to find an attorney to accept appointment for all proceedings.